BOOK REVIEWS

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TABER'S MEDICAL DICTIONARY FOR NURSES. Edited by Clarence W Taber and Nicholas Senn, M.D., Ph.D., L.L.D., C.M. C.W. Taber, Publisher, Chicago.

"This little work lays claim to being the first Medical Dictionary for Nurses, filling a want hitherto unsupplied. The nurse will find it an epitome of medical knowledge, an encyclopedia of anatomy, physiology, toxicology, therapeutics, nursing, operative surgery, and kindred subjects." Thus the preface and it is no vain boast; the book is indeed a marvel of condensation. About the size of the usual pocket dictionary, it contains the usual medical terms—spelling, pronunciation of same, and derivation; there are lists of operations, giving preparation, position, and instruments; there are the poisons—their symptoms and antidotes; all sorts of accidents and their treatment. The diseases are diagnosed, prognosed, treated, dieted; fevers show each its typical chart. Truly it is a wonder-book, to give all it contains would be to give the book itself; therefore we advise each nurse who wishes to know more to get a copy for herself.

A SHORT PRACTICE OF MIDWIFERY FOR NURSES. *Embodying the Treatment* Adopted in the Rotunda Hospital, Dublin. By Henry Tellett, B.A., M.D., B.Ch., B.A.O. (Dublin University), F.R.C.P.I., L.M., Gynæcologist and Obstetrician to D. Steevens' Hospital, Dublin; Extern Examiner in Midwifery, Royal University of Ireland; Examiner in Midwifery, Royal College of Physicians, Ireland; Ex-Assistant Master, Rotunda Hospital; Ex-University Examiner in Midwifery and Gynæcology, Dublin University. T. and A. Churchill, 7 Great Marlborough St., London. P. Blakiston's Sons, Philadelphia, Publishers.

The fact of its appearing in its second edition declares the popularity of "A Short Practice of Midwifery" in its own bailiwick, if one may so indicate the field of nursing in Great Britain and Ireland. It will hardly make any great sales in this country, however, not for want of merit but because the field is already occupied by more than

one good book covering it, from our point of view, more satisfactorily than does the English book. The class who comprise the midwives of this country are not as a rule capable of using Mr. Tellett's very thorough and scientific book, and as a nurses' handbook it speaks to the practitioner of midwifery rather than to his faithful handmaiden the obstetrical nurse.

A COMPEND OF MEDICAL LATIN. By W. T. St. Clair, A.M., Professor of the Latin Language and Literature in the Male High School of Louisville, Ky.; author of "Cæsar for Beginners," "Notes to Cæsar's Gallic War, Book Three," etc. Price, $1.00. P. Blakiston's Sons, 1012 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

Blakiston's "Quiz Compends" are such old friends that they need no introduction. The number "Medical Latin" is a little out of the common, being less a quiz and more a regular Latin grammar. It is written for the student who comes to the study of medicine with little or no knowledge of Latin. It is safe to predict that the ignorant student after digesting this little book is not going to be content till he follows further a subject which has been so intelligently and alluringly put before him. Who remembers the old Latin grammer proper?—what endless deserts of verbs! what never-ending declensions of nouns; the never-ending "endings!" One grew discouraged before one had begun. The present volume is small and light externally, as well as internally, and being so easily accommodated is recommended as a companion which, never in the way, may often prove a great boon and source of recreation and diversion, and which is certain to be as profitable as it is pleasant.

MATERIA MEDICA FOR NURSES. By John E. Groff, Ph.G., Apothecary in the Rhode Island Hospital., Professor of Materia Medica, Botany and Pharmacology in the Rhode Island College of Pharmacy. Third Edition, Revised, with an Appendix, giving List of Questions for Self-Examination. P. Blakiston's Sons & Co., 1012 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

Mr. Groff presents his Materia Medica in its third edition, revised after the eighth decennial revision of the U. S. Pharmacopœia, and with the addition of a series of questions for self-examination.

MASSAGE AND THE ORIGINAL SWEDISH MOVEMENTS. By Kurre W Ostrom. From The Royal University of Upsala, Sweden. Sixth Edition. P. Blakiston's Sons, 1012 Walnut St., Philadelphia.

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